

CHAPTER 298A

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298A.1 Effective date.

[This chapter](#) establishes the fund structure which shall be used by school districts commencing with the school budget year which begins on July 1, 1995.

94 Acts, ch 1029, §1

298A.2 General fund.

All moneys received by a school corporation from taxes and other sources must be accounted for in the general fund, except moneys required by law to be accounted for in another fund.

94 Acts, ch 1029, §2

298A.3 District management levy fund.

The district management levy fund is a special revenue fund. A district management levy fund must be established in any school corporation which levies the tax authorized under [section 298.4](#).

94 Acts, ch 1029, §3

298A.4 Physical plant and equipment levy fund.

The physical plant and equipment levy fund is a special revenue fund. A physical plant and equipment levy fund must be established in any school corporation which levies the tax authorized, whether regular or voter-approved, under [section 298.2](#).

94 Acts, ch 1029, §4

298A.5 Schoolhouse tax levy fund.

The schoolhouse tax levy fund is a special revenue fund. A schoolhouse tax levy fund must be established in any school corporation which levies the tax which was authorized by section 278.1, subsection 7, Code 1989. This fund shall continue in existence until all tax has been collected and all moneys have been expended for the purposes originally authorized by the electors.

94 Acts, ch 1029, §5

298A.6 Public education and recreation levy fund.

The public education and recreation levy fund is a special revenue fund. A public education and recreation levy fund must be established in any school corporation which levies the tax authorized under [section 300.2](#) or which receives revenue from a [chapter 28E](#) agreement authorized under [section 300.1](#).

94 Acts, ch 1029, §6

298A.7 Library levy fund.

The library levy fund is a special revenue fund. A library levy fund must be established in any school corporation which levies the tax authorized under [section 298.7](#).

94 Acts, ch 1029, §7

298A.8 Student activity fund.

The student activity fund is a special revenue fund. A student activity fund must be established in any school corporation receiving money from student-related activities such as admissions, activity fees, student dues, student fund-raising events, or other student-related cocurricular or extracurricular activities. Moneys in this fund shall be used to support only the cocurricular program defined in department of education administrative rules.

94 Acts, ch 1029, §8

298A.9 Capital project funds.

A capital project fund must be established in any school corporation which issues bonds or other authorized indebtedness for capital projects or which initiates a capital project, or which receives grants or other funds for capital projects. Boards are authorized to establish more than one capital project fund as necessary. Any balance remaining in a capital project fund after the capital project is completed may be retained for future capital projects in accordance with the original purpose of the bond issue or voter-approved levy; or may be transferred, by board resolution, to the debt service fund, the physical plant and equipment levy fund, or other fund from which the surplus originated; or transferred to the general fund in accordance with [section 278.1, subsection 1](#), paragraph “e”.

94 Acts, ch 1029, §9

298A.10 Debt service fund.

A debt service fund must be established in any school corporation which issues bonds or other authorized indebtedness. The debt service fund shall be used to pay interest as it becomes due and the amount necessary to pay the principal when due on bonds or other authorized indebtedness issued by the district, and to make payments required under a loan, lease-purchase agreement, or other evidence of indebtedness authorized by this Code. Moneys available to service this debt and received from other sources shall be transferred to the debt service fund and the payment of the debt shall be made from this fund. Funds remaining in the debt service fund after payment of all outstanding debt in accordance with the original purpose of the indebtedness may be transferred by board resolution to the physical plant and equipment levy fund or transferred to the general fund in accordance with [section 278.1, subsection 1](#), paragraph “e”.

94 Acts, ch 1029, §10

298A.11 School nutrition fund.

A school nutrition fund is an enterprise fund. A school nutrition fund must be established in any school corporation receiving moneys from the school meal program authorized under [chapter 283A](#).

94 Acts, ch 1029, §11; 95 Acts, ch 67, §24

298A.12 Child care fund.

A child care fund is an enterprise fund. A child care fund must be established in any school corporation receiving moneys from the child care program authorized under [section 279.49](#).

94 Acts, ch 1029, §12; 99 Acts, ch 192, §33

298A.13 Trust or agency funds.

Trust or agency funds shall be established by any school corporation to account for gifts it receives to be used for a particular purpose or to account for money and property received and administered by the district as trustee or custodian or in the capacity of an agent. Boards may establish trust and agency funds as necessary.

94 Acts, ch 1029, §13

298A.14 Other funds.

A school corporation may establish other funds in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and may certify other taxes to be levied for the funds as provided by state law. The status of each fund must be included in the annual report. The treasurer shall

keep a separate account for each fund, and shall not pay an order that fails to state the fund upon which it is drawn and the specific use to which it is to be applied.

94 Acts, ch 1029, §14